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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIS Chapter IX Contributors

SUBJECT: Scales in Map Citations

1. The fractional scale in a map citation of Section 91 should be expressed in brackets whenever it has been calculated by someone other than the compiler of the map. Only when the scale is actually printed on the map sheet should it be given without brackets in the citation. The word "approximately" will not be used, because a scale supplied by the author is assumed to be approximate. If the map has no graticule information or graphic (bar) scale, no attempt should be made to calculate the scale; instead, the notation "scale not indicated" should be made in the citation.

2. Whenever maps are listed individually in tabular form, as part of the citation, supplied scales will be given in brackets as in the case of citations of single maps. This will supersede the former practice of listing such scales under the heading "Scale (approx.)."

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